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Former state senator Dianne Wilkerson has been organizing the effort by a group of Black leaders to coalesce behind one candidate in the race to replace Mayor Martin J. Walsh.

# A push to unite in mayoral race

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KANDA, was launched during the 2018 campaign for Suffolk district attorney and coalesced support around Rachael Rollins, who won the race. Rollins was one of five candidates in the Democratic primary, which included two other Black contenders.

As the field of hopefuls for mayor expands, WAKANDA II leaders say a unified approach is their best chance to make history.

“If the ultimate goal is to elect a Black mayor or a Black woman or Black man, organizing support around that one individual in a crowded primary makes a lot of sense [in a winner-take-all contest],” said Erin O’Brien, a University of Massachusetts Boston political science professor who did not previously know about the effort.

Only one of the three declared candidates for mayor — City Councilor Andrea Campbell — is Black. The others are Councilors Michelle Wu, who is Asian, and Annissa Essaibi George, whose parents were born in Poland and Tunisia.

Council President Kim Janey, who is Black, will become acting mayor when Walsh is confirmed as labor secretary. She has not yet said if she will run to keep the seat. John Barros, the city’s chief of economic development, and state Representative Jon Santiago are also expected to enter the race. Barros is Black and Santiago is Latino.

Andrew Leong, a professor of Latino and Asian-American studies at UMass Boston, said coalescing around a single candidate is a good concept, but it could create a perception that there is “too much emphasis on the Black community and not enough in the other communities.”

If there is an actual coalition of diversity, then it needs “to responsibly represent all the voices and not just the race of the person in the office,” Leong said.

The past year has laid bare the grave challenges facing the Black community — COVID vaccine inequities, policing re-

form, and a digital and racial divide in remote learning. And Black leaders say it’s past time to have a mayor who looks like them to address these issues.

“If it’s not now, when?” said Charlotte Golar Richie, a former city and state housing chief who placed third in the preliminary mayoral contest in 2013. “This is the time we could all coalesce around a person of color — in my view, a woman — and there are several who I think are supremely qualified.”

Campbell, in a statement,

“The next mayor has to be a person of color. There’s no ifs, ands, or buts about it.”

SEGUN IDOWU

*Former candidate for the state House of Representatives*

said that she welcomed the opportunity to be in a “group of talented women running for mayor” and that she entered the race last fall to seize on a “unique opportunity in Boston to confront our own history of racism and segregation that created persistent inequities.”

When asked about the effort, Janey said in a statement: “It is always a good thing when residents are engaged in the political process.” (Neither Wu nor Essaibi George responded to a request for comment.)

Wilkerson said she recognizes the mayoral race is just getting started and expects other Black candidates to enter, including Barros.

“We are not going to ask anybody to drop out,” said Wilkerson, emphasizing that the group has not yet selected its candidate. “We expect people will make whatever decision that makes sense for them, but we will be clear that once we’re settled on a candidate, we’re going all in.”

Segun Idowu, who ran unsuccessfully for state representative in Hyde Park, said he supports the effort to develop an agenda, force commitments from the candidates, and then “get behind whoever fits.”

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person of color. There’s no ifs, ands, or buts about it,” said Idowu, who said the candidate does not necessarily need to be Black.

But Linda Champion, a former prosecutor who ran for Suffolk district attorney in 2018, said she rejects the idea of coalescing around a single candidate, citing the isolation she felt when Black and other political leaders rallied behind Rollins in the race for district attorney.

“I don’t care if 30 candidates

doesn’t really resonate with the community as a whole,” said Yancey.

Four years later, Roxbury district Councilor Tito Jackson, who is Black, was defeated by Walsh in the general election.

The first WAKANDA effort targeted the 2018 Suffolk district attorney’s race, which also included former state representative Evandro Carvalho. The candidates were sent an extensive questionnaire on a range of issues. Champion did not respond.

Champion said at the time she felt the group had long made up its mind about Rollins, a claim Wilkerson rejects. Champion added that during the race she was isolated, iced-out, and pressured to step aside by some Black political leaders and advocates, including one who questioned whether she was really Black, she said.

“It was brutal,” she said, adding that whenever a Black person runs against another Black person “all of a sudden it turns into high school mean girls.”

Both Carvalho and Champion remained in the race. Rollins triumphed based largely on a broad coalition of support. The first WAKANDA participants said their effort helped Rollins achieve victory.

Wilkerson, who said her group’s 2018 decision was based on the candidates’ responses to the questionnaire, stressed that the effort will not back down. Roughly 150 people in the Boston area are participating, Wilkerson said.

A list of questions on education, criminal justice reform, housing, systemic racism, and other key issues will soon go out to Black candidates, including those on the cusp of running. The group will make its decision soon, she said.

“This is all going to play itself out,” she said, noting that the group is on an aggressive schedule. “We are not wasting a whole lot of time.”

*Globe staff writer Stephanie Ebbert contributed to this report. Meghan E. Irons can be reached at [meghan.ironis@globe.com](mailto:meghan.ironis@globe.com).*

# Portland panel on racism readies report

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PORTLAND, Maine — A panel appointed to fight racism in Portland is recommending a stronger police oversight board and a new city department to address racial bias in city policies, among other suggestions being presented to the City Council on Monday.

The Racial Equity Steering Committee, which was appointed by Mayor Kate Snyder and the City Council in the wake of widespread Black Lives Matter demonstrations last year, is expected to deliver a report at the council’s Monday meeting, ac-

cording to the Portland Press Herald.

Among its recommendations, the panel is calling for a new police oversight board that would replace the city’s Police Citizen Review Subcommittee. The existing board has limited power and is authorized to review only certain aspects of inquiries into alleged police misconduct, including the timeliness and objectivity of investigations.

Instead, the new recommendations call for an oversight board that is transparent and “provides true accountability.”

The committee is also proposing a new Department of Racial Equity that would work to address racism in city policies, and would compile and study data on race in the city. It would have a director and at least two staff members.

Other proposals include the creation of a new team separate from the police department to help officers respond to calls involving people in mental distress.

Activists have criticized the committee and instead urged the city to adopt changes proposed by a local group, Black

POWER.

Lelia De Andrade, a cochair of the committee, defended the panel’s work and said it’s only the start of a sustained effort to root out systemic racism.

“If a group of 13 strangers meeting an hour and a half once a week could dismantle institutional racism, it would have already been done by now,” De Andrade said.

The proposals being presented Monday are part of an interim report.

A final report from the panel is expected to be delivered by April 1.

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## LEGAL NOTICES

**City of Newton**  
Legal Notice  
Monday, March 8, 2021

A Public Hearing will be held on Monday, March 8, 2021, at 7:00PM, before the PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD and the ZONING & PLANNING COMMITTEE of the Newton City Council for the purpose of hearing the following petition at which time all parties interested in this item shall be heard. Notice will be published Monday, February 22, 2021 and Monday, March 1, 2021 in The Boston Globe and Wednesday, March 3, 2021 in the Newton Tab, with a copy posted online and in a conspicuous place at Newton City Hall.

Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 149A, § 8, the City of Boston, acting by its Public Facilities Department, located at 26 Court Street, 10th floor, Boston, MA 02108, hereinafter referred to as Awarding Authority, hereby requests statements of qualifications (SOQ) from trade contractors for the EMS Training Facility Project, Project No. 7184. The following are the trades and estimated costs for which SOQs are being requested:

### Trade Contractors (Estimated Values):

- Miscellaneous and Ornamental Iron \$81,579
- Waterproofing Dampproofing and Caulking \$203,605
- Metal Windows \$29,500
- Glass and Glazing \$363,690
- Tile \$48,710
- Acoustic Tile \$288,900
- Resilient Floors \$325,301
- Painting \$136,933
- Fire Protection \$140,007
- Plumbing \$41,772
- HVAC \$1,704,830
- Electrical \$1,407,854
- Roofing \$56,210

Notice: The specifications for this Project include sub-contractor work in the trades of Plumbing, HVAC and Electrical and the requirement for the same to be listed on the form for bid by those Trade Contractors who are prequalified and invited to submit a bid on the Project.

**Project description:** The scope of work includes the interior renovation of approximately 16,000 square feet of space at the second floor with an addition and a new 3 stop two door elevator. The building will be occupied during construction. The scope of the project includes Exterior Closure, Roofing, Interior Construction and Finishes, Fire Protection, Plumbing, HVAC, Electrical, and Finish Site-work/Landscaping at 201 Rivermoor Street in Boston, MA.

This request for qualifications (RFQ) process is being utilized to pre-qualify trade contractors. All trade contractors who achieve a score of 70 points or greater and meet the listed mandatory requirements will be prequalified and, thereafter, invited to submit a bid on the proposed building project pursuant to a Request for Bids (RFB) for trade contracting services.

Pursuant to the requirements of M.G.L. c.149A, § 8(c)(5), the names of all responders will be posted at PFD’s Bid Counter, located at 26 Court Street, 1st Floor, Boston, MA 02108. There will be no public opening of responses.

The estimated cost of the EMS Training Facility at 201 Rivermoor Project scope (including, General Conditions, General Requirements and contingency): \$10,500,000.

The total anticipated construction duration from the issuance of the Notice to Proceed: 245 calendar days. RFQ packets may be obtained on or about February 22, 2021 and are only available electronically and by requesting access for such through [bid.info@boston.gov](mailto:bid.info@boston.gov) between the operational hours of 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The SOQ in response to this RFQ shall be signed under pains and penalties of perjury. The SOQ must be received on or before **March 10, 2021 at 2:00 P.M.(EST)** at the PFD Bid Counter, 26 Court Street, 1st Floor, Boston, MA 02108. **All responses submitted after this time will not be accepted.** The anticipated date for completion of the qualification evaluation process is on or about March 15, 2021. Questions regarding this RFQ are to be directed to the PFD Bid Counter at [bid.info@boston.gov](mailto:bid.info@boston.gov) or by call to 617-635-4809. Questions are to be received by 12:00 Noon, March 1, 2021.

Please submit one (1) original, and one on a flash drive of the required information in a sealed package marked:

**Qualification for Trade Contracting  
EMS Training Facility at 201 Rivermoor Project No. 7184**

The Awarding Authority reserves the right to waive any minor informalities in, or to reject any and all responses if it is in the public interest to do so.

Aside from communication with the PFD Bid Counter Manager, any communication or contact with the Awarding Authority is prohibited outside of official, public meetings. Upon completion of the evaluations, the contents of the SOQ, except for financial information, shall be open to public inspection as defined in M.G.L. c.4, §7.

Please see the RFQ for the specific criteria and points for trade contractor prequalification, selection and mandatory submission requirements for the SOQ, such as: a Commitment Letter for payment and performance bonds, DCAMM Certification, DCAMM Subcontractor Update Statement, and Sponsor Verification Letter from the MA Department of Labor Standards Division of Apprenticeship Training. See also, the Appendix of the RFQ for the specific trades of work.

Trade Contractors shall pay special attention to the following:

The **Compliance Contract Supplement** section of the specifications concerning employment in the performance of this Project. In addition, this Project is subject to the provisions of M.G.L. c.149, § 27, which requires contractors to pay prevailing wages to their employees, as set forth by the Commissioner of the Department of Labor Standards.

### PROJECT TEAM:

Chief of Operations: Patrick I. Brophy  
Assistant Director: Rob Melvin  
Construction Project Manager: Roberson Castor  
Architect: Merge Architects, Inc.

February 22, 2021  
Patrick I. Brophy  
Chief of Operations

### NOTICE TO VENDORS

Notice is hereby given that HPS will receive sealed Request for Proposals on the items listed below for the 2021-2022 school years:

- Milk & Dairy/Related Products

Proposals will be received at the HPS office until 5:00 p.m. EST, on March 15, 2021. Proposals will be reviewed at the May 2021 School Food Purchasing Advisory Committee(s) meetings and awarded on or before July 1, 2021.

- Bread & Bakery Products

Proposals will be received at the HPS office until 5:00 p.m. EST, on April 15, 2021. Proposals will be reviewed at the May 2021 School Food Purchasing Advisory Committee(s) meetings and awarded on or before July 1, 2021.

Specifications and Request for Proposal forms may be obtained from the HPS office, 275 N. Main St., 3rd Floor, Middleville, MI 49333, phone number 269-795-3308. All proposals shall be on authorized forms. Email your requests to Christina Costanza, [ccostanza@hpschools.org](mailto:ccostanza@hpschools.org).

HPS reserves the right to reject any or all proposals in part or in whole, and to Waive any informalities.

**CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION**  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
**The Trial Court**  
**Suffolk Probate and Family Court**  
24 New Chardon Street, Boston, MA 02114  
**617-788-8300**  
**Docket No. SU21P0318EA**

**Estate of:** Joan Theresa Mitrowski

**Date of Death:** 09/08/2020

To all interested persons:  
A Petition for Formal of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by

**Linda Mitrowski** of Boston, MA

requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that:

**Linda Mitrowski** of Boston, MA

be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00a.m. on the return day of April 1, 2021. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court

Date: February 18, 2021

**BUREAU OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS**  
Department of Professional & Financial Regulation  
State of Maine  
Office of Order

Superintendent Lloyd P. Lee of certain ill approved an application for Morgan Stanley to acquire indirect control of Eaton Vance Trust Company of Maine nondepository trust company. Copies of the Superintendent’s order, dated 02/19/2021, are available upon request at: Bureau of Financial Institutions, 36 S.S. Augusta, ME 04333-0036, and may be viewed online at [www.maine.gov/pfr/financialinstitutions](http://www.maine.gov/pfr/financialinstitutions)

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